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1. Until about the end of March 1949 the presence of Soviet forces, about one Mixed Corps, could be observed in Hungary and in the Austrian Burgenland. Of this about one division is in Hungary.
2. It has been established that the Command of the Third Ukrainian Guards Div is in Szombathely.
3. The commander of Soviet Forces stationed in Hungary is Gen Samsonov. His residence is, Hadnagy St. 18, Szombathely.
4. The commander of Artillery stationed in Koszeg is Col Kerbedjiah. The station commander there is Maj Stanov.
5. Definite Soviet Garrisons:
  - a. Koszeg -- About 1 Field Artillery regiment in force. About 40 guns.
  - b. Szombathely --
    - County Hall: Higher Command of Ukrainian Guard Div., Station Command .
    - Huszar St. Barracks: Artillery and Armored Force men, about 150-200, 10-12 motor vehicles.
    - Gendarmerie Barracks: About 200 Tank men, 10 T-34 tanks, 2-3 trucks.
    - Former Corps Command: Offices mainly for officers.
    - Former Intelligence Barracks: Intelligence unit, a guard of about 20-25 men.
    - Former Motor Artillery Barracks: Motor Unit for Pragvary Rd, guard of 15-20 men.
    - Faludy High School: Formerly a hospital, now has a guard unit of about 8-10 men.
    - St. Stephen Park: Repair shop for motor vehicles and tanks.

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Urania Court: Purchasing Center.  
 Szabaria Hotel: Officers' Club, Soviet Motion Picture Theatre.  
 No 28-26 Dr. Vas Jozsef Blvd: MVD  
 Szinhaz Square: Soviet Field Post Office  
 Zanati Road: Ammunition Depot  
 Soptei Road: Food depot and bakery, also materiel depot.  
 June 19, the Szombathely occupation force was thin because the garrison was out on field exercises. In general it can be assumed that this garrison consists of an Armored Brigade as permanent garrison with 180-200 tanks.

- c. Kormend Artillery as in Koszeg. Tank unit of about One Regt (70-80 tanks).
- d. Gyor - Tank units, about One Regt (60-70 tanks). One Motorized Artillery Unit and One Motor Train.
- e. The following places have been empty since January 1949 but have been made permanently ready for Soviet Troops:

Hagyeshalom  
 Zalaegerszeg  
 Nagykanizsa  
 Kaposvar  
 Pecs  
 Ujdombovar  
 Szekesfehervar  
 Bicske  
 Tatbanya  
 Papa  
 Celldomolk  
 Hatvan

6. Definite Soviet Arms Materiel

Artillery - 12.2 field howitzer, series thrower  
 7.5 cm air defense gun, 37 mm AA Inf gun, 12 cm AA.  
 Tank Units - T-34 tanks and its various forms, KW - II

7. Discipline of Soviet Troops - Discipline is very strict. Because of the many robberies, killings and other violent acts, the liberty of the men has been strongly curtailed. It is strongly forbidden to serve Soviet soldiers intoxicating beverages. Officers and men are very active in selling army and other property (wood and other material). Orders to return to the USSR usually create a very depressed mood. In such cases, especially among officers, suicides are frequent. The general impression of Soviet troops in Hungary is that they could hardly be counted upon for successful operations against the West. This refers of course to their morale, as their military training is very good and profound.

8. Soviet Air Forces in Hungary

At present at only the following airfields can it be ascertained that there are Soviet Air Forces:

- a. Szekesfehervar - Two motor bomber sections
- b. Veszprem Jutas - Two night pursuit sections
- c. Szentkiralyzabadja - Two motor bomber sections
- d. Kenyeri - Seven-Eight pursuit companies
- e. Alag - One pursuit section, One reconnaissance company
- f. On August 1, 1949 on the Jutas Airfield near Veszprem 50 Soviet pursuit planes were observed.

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